GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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PROTECTION OF FOREST AREA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is provided by the Union Government for protecting measure forest area in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of States where CRPF has been provided for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government have now taken a decision to withdraw CRPF from forest area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) The Central Government provides funds to State Governments for deployment of dedicated strike forces comprising of para-military forces/ Provincial Armed Constabulary in insurgency prone areas. The choice of the force to be deployed is with the State Governments. Home Ministry has not found it feasible to deploy the central para-military forces for protection of forests and wild life at present. Therefore, the States have to utilise their own armed constabularies for this purpose.